Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB :—" May I know whether any proposal is under the consideration of Government to make these officers permanent or to convert them into health officers ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Registration

Simplification of the orders regarding levy of fees on encumbrance certificates in the Registration department.

* 1192 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether Government have taken any steps to simplify the orders on the levy of fees on encumbrance certificates issued in the Registration department ?

A. - The answer is in the negative.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" May I know whether the Government have considered the hardship caused by the rules regarding encumbrance certificates pointed out to Government in the course of budget discussions last March ? "

The hon Mr S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The hon. Member asks in what ways the orders are proposed to be simplified. So far as I am able to see, the rules are as simple as possible, but if the hon. Member means the question of reduction of fees, that is a different matter."

Water-supply

Alleged memorials against the levy of water-tax in Tiruvannamalai municipality.

* 1193 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate-payers of Tiruvannamalai municipality, North Arcot district, sent a mahazar to Government protesting against the levy of water-tax by the municipality and requesting the Government not to sanction loans for a water-supply scheme for their town ;

(b) what is the amount proposed to be borrowed by the municipality for this scheme and how the municipality proposes to repay the amount ;

(c) whether Government propose to excuse repayment of the loan on the ground that Tiruvannamalai is a noted pilgrim centre ;

(d) whether the municipality has to find any sums in addition to the proposed Government loan or grant ;

(e) whether the municipality has sent in any proposals to Government for the levy of water-tax and if so, what orders have been passed by Government thereon ;

(f) what is the security which Government have demanded or propose to demand for their loan if no water-tax is to be levied ;

(g) what is the incidence of municipal taxation as it already exists ; and

(h) whether Government will make thorough enquiries into the capacity of the rate-payers to bear any additional burden before they allow this municipality to levy a water-tax ?